

# **BEVERAGE CONTAINER AND TOOTHBRUSH HOLDER**

## **Background and Summary of the Invention**

This invention relates to a container (bottle) which contains a beverage such as mineral water, and has a recessed storage area for storing a toothbrush  
5 and toothpaste.

Travelers and others commonly carry mineral water. Occasionally, they want to cleanse their mouth and teeth, however, their toothbrush is not readily available.

Some art related to this invention includes United States Patent Nos.  
10 6,202,963 issued March 20, 2001 to Jay S. Derman for "Razor and Toothbrush Holder Attachment for Stand Up Dispenser Tubes"; 5,484,065 issued January 16, 1996 to Frank Davoli, Jr. et al. for "Drinking Vessel-Disposable Toothbrush Holder"; 4,903,848 issued February 27, 1990 to Ronald Chattman for "Mouthwash Packaging" and 2,970,720 issued February 7, 1961 to William T.  
15 Dooley for "Disappearing Article Holding Device".

The broad purpose of the present invention is to provide a combination beverage container and toothbrush and toothpaste storage container. Still further objects and advantages of the invention will become readily apparent to those skilled in the art to which the invention pertains.

## **20 Description of the Drawings**

The description refers to the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters refer to like parts throughout the several views, and in which:

FIGURE 1 illustrates a beverage container with a toothbrush and toothpaste compartment;

FIGURE 2 is an exploded view showing the toothbrush container being inserted into a recess in the beverage bottle;

5        FIGURE 3 is a sectional view as seen along lines 3-3 of Figure 2;

FIGURE 4 is a view of the toothbrush and toothpaste container;

FIGURE 5 is a view showing the collapsible toothbrush in its expanded position;

FIGURE 6 is a view of another embodiment of the invention;

10       FIGURE 7 is a view of as seen from the right side of Figure 6; and

FIGURES 8 and 9 illustrate another embodiment of the invention.

#### Description of the Preferred Embodiment

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 illustrates a symmetrical container 10 of the type commonly used for holding water, mineral water and the like.

15       Container 10 has an elongated body 12 and a cap 14.

An extendible toothbrush 16 and a small tube of toothpaste 18 are contained within a cylindrical case 20. Case 20 has a cap 22 for retaining the contents of the container.

Referring to Figure 5, toothbrush 16 has a hollow body 22, a handle 24  
20       and a brush 26. The hollow body receives handle 24 so that the handle can be extended to the position shown in Figure 5 in which an internal enlargement 28 on the handle engages a recess 30 in the body to hold the toothbrush in an extended position.

Toothbrush 16 also has a retracted condition illustrated in Figure 2.

For illustrative purposes, container 10 has a height of about 8.5 inches. The body of the container has an elongated recess 32 for receiving case 20 and its contents. When case 20 is inserted in recess 32, the outside surface of the width of the case is flush with the external profile of container 10 as illustrated in Figure 1.

Recess 30 has a top 34, a bottom 36 and a semi-cylindrical wall 38. The top and bottom are joined to cylindrical wall 38 to form a watertight enclosure for case 20. When case 20 is inserted in recess 30, a section of adhesive tape 40 is attached to the opposite sides of the recess, and to the case to hold them in position until the toothbrush is to be used. The recess has height of about 4 inches. Wall 38 has a diameter slightly larger than the diameter of the inside surface of case 20 which preferably is about 1 inch in diameter.

In use, the user inserts case 20 into the recess. He then can carry the container, filled with, for example mineral water, until such time as he feels that he desires to cleanse his mouth. He removes tape 40 and case 20, removes cap 22 and then uses the contents, that is toothbrush 16 and toothpaste 18.

Figures 6 and 7 illustrate another embodiment of the invention which also comprises a container 50 having a recess 52. The handle of a toothbrush 54, a shaving razor 56, and a tube of toothpaste 58 are inserted in a case 59 into recess 60 of container 50. In this case, a cap 62 is snapped over the recess opening and held in place by a pair of raised lips 64 and 66 on opposite sides of the recess.

Case 59, used for storing the toothbrush, toothpaste and razor, comprises a cylindrical body 68 and a clip-on cap 70 which telescopically receives the upper end of body 68. The upper end of recess 60 has a fairly flat portion 72 with an internal recess 74. Cap 70 has a finger 76 which in its normal position supports a shoulder 78 that is snapped into recess 74. Finger 76 is resilient in such a manner that it can be passed downwardly in the direction of arrow 80 to remove shoulder 78 from the recess. When the case is to be inserted into the recess, the user pushes the case into the recess in such a manner that shoulder 78 bends downwardly a distance sufficient to enter and be retained in recess 74. At the same time, a protuberance 82 at the bottom of case 59 is received by a recess 84.

Referring to Figures 8 and 9, another embodiment of the invention is illustrated and comprises a case 100 having a cylindrical body 102 with a resilient finger 104 which snaps into the opening of recess 74 in the bottle. When finger 104 is depressed by the user, it can be removed from recess 32. The case 102 can also be inserted into the recess by pushing the case into the recess until the finger snaps into recess 74. In this case, the case has a cap 106 threadably mounted on the lower end of the body of the case on a cylindrical threaded section 108. The cap has a dispensing element 110. The cap 106 can be mounted on the top of container 10 by removing cap 14 and screwing on cap 106. The user can then remove the contents of the bottle by squeezing on the bottle. In this case, the container would have a resilient or squeezable configuration. The lower end of the case has a thin pad 112 to prevent the

contents of the case from being accidentally removed. When the user wants to remove the contents of the case, he will use a tool or his finger to penetrate through barrier 112 and open the bottom of the case.

Having described my invention, I claim: